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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that the present cultivators cultivate these lands for a number of years, the Government will assign these lands to the present cultivators irrespective of their community?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The point is that that block of land is reserved for Harijans."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" My question is : will these lands be assigned to the present cultivators irrespective of their community?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member may induce his hon. Friend the Harijan Member to agree to that."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the total area of wet and dry land respectively out of this total area, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

Waste lands in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 409 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of assessed waste lands available for cultivation in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk;

(*b*) the number of acres out of the assessed waste brought under cultivation;

(*c*) whether the Government received applications for assignment of these waste lands by the cultivators; and

(*d*) the action taken by the Government on these applications?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 1,120·25 acres.

" (*b*) 375·06 acres.

" (*c*) Only one application from an ex-serviceman has been received by the Deputy Tahsildar, Ariyalur, during this fasli.

" (*d*) The Deputy Tahsildar is taking action on this application."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, it is really wonderful that in spite of various petitions by the cultivators concerned, who are on these 375 acres of land, the Government have not received any of their petitions, but that only one from an ex-service man has been received. Will the Government see that these 375 acres of land which are cultivated by the landless poor who have occupied these lands for a number of years are assigned to these landless poor people?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I shall have it examined, Sir."